

cide." Well said, indeed. We have freed those people from Spanish tyranny, now we are ready to make them bondage to a worse tyranny, the tobacco and the drink habit. These are habits that should be eliminated from our civilization; they do not belong to an age of enlightenment.

That women make successful officers has been proven time and again. Wyoming's Superintendent of Public Instruction, Estelle Peel, has so successfully managed the sale of public lands as to increase the State's income from \$100 to \$1,000 a week. She is clever at driving good bargains for the State. Public affairs are as safe in the hands of women as they are in the hands of men, and a little more so. Give them a chance.

The great problem in our life is not to find a place that is free from cares and burdens, but to keep these cares out of our hearts. In every position in life we must expect crosses and inconveniences, and the more important positions we occupy the greater will be our responsibilities, our cares and burdens. As we rise in life responsibilities and burdens increase, but there is no reason why these burdens and cares should bear us down. They should be wings rather than weights.

When the disciples of John had carried his headless body to its final resting place sad of heart they went and told Jesus. That is the privilege of every child of God. The reason we get the affairs of this life so wonderfully mixed is because we do not take them to Jesus that he may unravel them for us. When in trouble, go and tell Jesus. When in sorrow, tell him. When disappointed, when misfortunes overtake you, go and tell Jesus. He bids you come with all your cares and worries and disappointments and misfortunes and lay them at his feet. "Cast your cares on him for he careth for you."

Miss Helen Gould, acknowledging the vote of thanks tendered her by the New York City Council for her services in behalf of the soldiers, expresses the opinion that the thanks were uncalled for because "it is the duty of every American woman to serve her country to the extent of her ability." Miss Gould is deserving of another vote of thanks for the noble sentiment which prompted her to take such an active part in the relief work. Duty faithfully done is more deserving of praise than brilliant achievement for a selfish purpose.

A party of scientists have "startled the world" by discovering that ghosts and spiritualistic mediums are furnishing tangible evidence of the immortality of the soul. It is a good thing for the world that these wisacres are not able to substitute a tallow dip for the sun.

It is the man who has convictions, who has dug his knowledge out of deep experience, who has fed upon the verities of faith until they are incorporated into his fibre and bone, who is settled and centered in the vital truth, who has Waterloosed the world, Appomatized the flesh and Santiagoed the devil. If you want to be effective to the very highest pitch of possibility, compact yourself like a cannon ball, get the range of your work, and then bang away like one of Sampson's gunners.

North Carolina Methodism is in convulsions over a large gift of stock in a tobacco company to the denominational college of that State. "Shall we accept this cigarette stock or not?" The Virginia college of the same church is not troubled with like qualms, as it recently accepted a similar gift from a wealthy Methodist. "To be sure the young people who come to these colleges must not be encouraged in the pernicious habit of smoking cigarettes, but at the same time it is a very difficult matter to turn up the nose at a weed which furnishes a handsome revenue." Cut off the cigarette coupons, brethren, so that you can pay the good professor whose duty it is to lecture on the evils of the tobacco habit. What a conscience killer a fat revenue is. The liquor traffic is entrenched behind this same bulwark.

SELECTED GEMS

Truly blessed is the man who finds life too short to cherish a grudge.

The most firm and durable friendship is that which grows up but slowly.

The Bible is a book full of light and wisdom. It will make you wise to eternal life, and furnish you with directions and principles to guide and order your life safely and prudently. There is no book like the Bible for excellent learning, wisdom, and use.—*Sir Matthew Hale.*

Peace is the gift of God to every soul that will receive it. It does not come from, and can not be taken away by, anything in this life. "In me," the Savior says, "ye shall have peace." By being like him, active, sinless, holy, and always fully trusting, we shall have perfect peace.

Church News

Additional

Evangelistic Work in the Illiokota District

Doubtless, of the things important to the work of the Lord that may have been neglected by the Brethren churches in the past, not one is, or has been so important as the proper work of the EVANGELIST. We need not look far, in any district of the brethren, to find congregations that have suffered and some indeed, that have almost, if not quite perished, for the lack of some one to help them in their hour of need. Some times those small congregations think, and even have written us, that the church seemed to feel but little interest in them, whether they survived or perished. Now that is the gloomy side, as looked at from their isolated point of view. But it does not express the real feeling of your brethren who are blessed with better church privileges at all. We recognize the fact that many congregations are not able to support a pastor for regular service, and also that in many places there are several of such small congregations not a great distant apart, and could a pastor be located so as to serve two or three points with regular preaching, the problem would in part be solved. While this seems easy, yet the point is, whose business is it to make such arrangements and get the machinery working? I think that I voice the earnest prayer of every brother and sister in our district conference when I say *above all things* we wish all our brethren and sisters to prosper. If I properly grasp the expression of our late district conference, the work of serving the isolated and small congregations and helping those who are meeting with difficulties, is laid upon the evangelist. And the first thing that you can do toward helping him along in that work is that you pray for him, and the second thing is that those prayers go as deep as your pocket-book, tho the pocket-book have not much in it that can be spared, yet if you would have the blessing of God, send that little, be it five cents, or fifty dollars, to brother Eli Hoover

who is secretary of the Missionary Board for the district, and you may be surprised to see how much good your little given to the Lord will accomplish. Try it. Now that the conference has chosen me to serve the district as evangelist another year, I trust I may have your prayers and such help as you may be able to render, be it much or little.

THE THING DESIRABLE

It is desirable that each congregation in the district that has not regularly organized service be visited at least once during the year and a series of meetings be held for them. Several of our pastors who have charge of churches have kindly offered help in this service, those points nearest to them. This will save expense and at the same time give more efficient work than could the evangelist should he try to do all this work alone, which would be impossible in so large a district, in which our churches are so widely scattered.

HOW YOU CAN HELP US

We wish to hear from every church or class in the district who have not pastors and who want a series of meetings. Write us soon. It is important that we get about the Father's work at once. We also need pastors in the district and will be pleased to have ministers who may not have charges and wish to locate in churches needing pastors write me. The Lord needs earnest, self-sacrificing ministers who are willing to suffer with him if need be that the gospel may be preached. They who suffer with him shall reign with him. Patience, firmness, kindness, prayerfulness and an abiding trust in the power of the gospel administered with the grace of the Holy Spirit will build up churches where human talents have failed. The salvation of the world demands preachers who are willing to "suffer" even as the Savior suffered, even praying God to forgive his enemies.

The gospel of "suffering" in patience for Christ's sake is an element of success in the ministry that many of us need to learn. Jesus on the cross needed no defense. The history of the human race lost in sin and humiliated with failure was his defense and the justification of his teaching, suffering and death. "For if we suffer with him we shall also reign with him." (Paul.)

J. O. TALLEY, Evangelist.

THE LAND OF SATISFACTION

Farmer and Dairyman, North Yakima, Wash.

Had any man told me of the Yakima valley and its productions, what I have seen during the three weeks' visit among its farms and gardens, I would have set him down, at once, as an irredeemable prevaricator. I have seen plums and prunes growing around and over the limbs as thick as grapes on a cluster, and this was not here and there so as to occasion remark, but common and almost normal. I saw pear trees everywhere literally breaking down from their enormous yield of fruit, save for careful and systematic propping of the limbs—noticed on one limb